

significant lowering of cross border firing/shelling along the Line of Control. As such the cease-fire cannot be seen as a failure.

However, keeping in mind that the various terrorist groups and organisations, mostly foreign, have not seen reason, have not recognized the imperatives of peace, dialogue and cooperation and have refused to shun violence, the restrictions on the Security Forces regarding not initiating combat operations against terrorists in J&K have since been withdrawn.

Bangladeshis residing in Sanjay Amar Colony in Delhi

1126. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Pioneer dated 27th April, 2001, under the heading "A ready reserve army for the ISI" and if so, the details thereof including the number of persons belonging to Bangladesh who are now residing in Sanjay Amar Colony in Delhi;

(b) the number of persons, from this colony who are now under detention; and

(c) what steps have been taken to deport them to Bangladesh during the last two years and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The report that twenty Bangladeshis from this colony are lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with carrying and planting explosive devices or that there is a rampant criminal activity in the colony has been found to be misleading.

(b) Seven persons of this colony are under detention, awaiting to be sent back to Bangladesh.

(c) After verification by the local police, if a person is identified to be an illegal immigrant from Bangladesh, he is handed over to FRRO for detention till he is sent back to Bangladesh. During the last two years and upto 15th July, 2001, 716 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants residing in Delhi were sent back to Bangladesh.